GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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NATURAL CALAMITY
RAGHUVIR SINGH KAUSHAL;SUSHILA SAROJ

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that 31 districts of Rajasthan are seriously suffering from the scourage of famine;

(b) if so, the details of the assistance being provided by the Union Government to the State Government;

(c) the headwise details of the assistance provided by the Union Government to the Rajasthan Government during the last year;

(d) whether the State Government has fully utilised the assistance funds for the same purpose for which they were allocated;

(e) if not, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(f) the concrete measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure the full utilization of said funds of the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): There is no famine. The Government of Rajasthan has reported that 31districts in the State are facing drought like situation. Central share of Calamity ReliefFund (CRF) for 2000-01 amounting to Rs.155.25 crore, advance of 25% of Central shareof CRF for 2001-02 amounting to Rs.40.75 crore and assistance of Rs.85.00 crore fromthe National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) have been released. In addition, free transportation of drinking water and fodder by the railways and release of 2.525 lakh tonnes foodgrains at BPL rates, 1 lakh tonnes foodgrains free of cost under Food for WorkProgramme, `feed grade` foodgrains for use as cattle feed have been made.

(c): Central share of CRF amounting to Rs.155.25 crore and assistance of Rs.102.93crore from National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) has been released.

(d) to (f): The State Government is reported to have fully utilised the amount released last year. Details of utilization during 2000-01 are not available. Distribution of relief at the ground level and proper utilization of assistance provided is the responsibility of the State Government. The Central Government is constantly monitoring and reviewing the situationin close coordination with the State Government.